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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6791

BILL NUMBER: HB 1124

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Physical Therapy Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frizzell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a physical therapist, except for sharp debridement and spinal manipulation, to evaluate and treat a patient without a referral for not more than 30 days. The bill requires a physical therapist to obtain a referral from the patient's provider if further treatment by the physical therapist is needed.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary:* A person violating physical therapist law commits a Class B misdemeanor. Therefore, a violation of the proposed changes would also fall under the existing penalty provision. If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. However, any additional revenue would likely be small.

Background Information on Physical Therapists: As of September 13, 2011, there were 5,408 physical therapists licensed with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any change in revenue would likely be small.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency, active license count, 9/13/2011.

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